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Subject: Channel 5 Report

John -

Obviously I watched the Channel 5 report with mixed feelings. There were certainly some troubling aspects reported but I would like your response to some of my questions.

1. Could a couple "opt out" of the \$40 charge or were they required to pay it. Was cash the only method of payment? If so, why?
2. Were weddings performed on Metro Time or before/after normal business hours? Did you, in fact, keep the money raised for performing this service? If so, will you release a copy of your personal tax return providing proof income was properly reported to the IRS?
3. Did the reported \$800 photograph come from personal funds or your Metro Budget? Was the job bid out? If so, how many bids and why was this one selected? Was Gary Layda, Metro Photographer, contacted about providing the photo?
4. Was the \$34,000+ sign purchased thru Metro Purchasing/Finance Dept? Same questions as #2 regarding the bid process? Since the Council reluctantly just provided additional funds to remove the name of the former Human Relations Director's name from materials, do you think it is appropriate to use taxpayer funds on these materials?
5. Regarding the expenditure of funds for the public relations company, same questions regarding source of money and bid process?

I appreciate your prompt attention to answering these questions and may follow up with additional questions based on your answers.

Councilman Charlie Tygard